

## **Capsule Summary**

**BA-0009**

**Mount Welcome Retreat**

**3144 Granite Road, Woodstock, Baltimore County**

**ca. 1800**

**Private**

The property known as Mount Welcome Retreat is located at 3144 Granite Road in the town of Granite, an 18th-century town in the western region of Baltimore County. In 1778, Samuel Wright Walters purchased the property, which was historically part of two parcels known as Norwood's Delight and Peddicoart's Banter. Alexander Walters, owner of the Waltersville Quarry for which the town of Granite was originally named, built the first three bays of the present stone dwelling circa 1800. In 1835, the property was devised to Maria Worthington Walters and Lemuel Offutt, who enlarged the structure. The property remained in the Offutt family for 114 years, before being sold to the Bergers in 1949. Mount Welcome Retreat is fashionably detailed in the Federal style, and stands as an excellent example of a rural farmhouse, complete with circa 1800 slave quarters and late 19th century German bank barn.

The main dwelling is a five-bay wide, center-hall, single-pile structure of solid stone masonry construction. The two-and-a-half story Federal style building rests on an English basement and is banked into a shallow hillside. The main block was constructed in two phases, with the northwest portion being constructed circa 1800 and the southeast addition dating to circa 1835. The three northwest bays are of roughly cut and coursed granite construction with ashlar quoins while the two southeast bays feature coursed ashlar granite. This division is further emphasized by a mortar seam between the two sections that is visible on both the southwest elevation and the northeast elevation. Two interior end granite chimneys rise above the side gabled roof. A kitchen wing was added to the ground level of the southeast elevation in 1950 and a bedroom wing was added to the ground level of the northwest elevation in 1970. Despite the construction of these modern addition, the overall integrity and architectural statement of the early 19th century dwelling is intact. Both wings are one-story high and clad in aluminum siding with side gabled roofs. A third interior end stone chimney rises above the kitchen wing. All roofs are clad in asphalt shingles. A three-bay wide half-hipped roof porch ornaments the facade. A full-height, full-width half-hipped roof porch dominates the northeast elevation.



other                      Norwood's Delight

## 2. Location

street and number 3144 Granite Road not for publication

city, town Woodstock - vicinity

county Baltimore County

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John R. Price

street and number 3144 Granite Road telephone 410.922.5152

city, town	Woodstock	state	MD	zip code	21163-1004
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel map 76, parcel 86

city, town	Towson	liber	13965	folio	336
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

## Category

\_\_\_ district  
  X   building(s)  
 \_\_\_ structure  
 \_\_\_ site  
 \_\_\_ object

## Ownership

☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both

### Current Function

<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
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<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u> sites
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u> structures
<u>  </u>	<u>  </u> objects
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory



## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one-paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Mount Welcome Retreat is a five-bay wide, center-hall, single-pile house of solid stone masonry construction. The two-and-a-half story Federal style structure rests on an English basement and is banked into a shallow hillside. The main block of the house appears to have been constructed in two phases, with the northwest portion being constructed circa 1800 and the southeast addition dating to circa 1835. The three northwest bays are of roughly cut and coursed granite construction with ashlar quoins while the two southeast bays feature coursed ashlar granite. This division is further emphasized by a mortar seam between the two sections that is visible on both the southwest elevation and the northeast elevation. Two interior end granite chimneys rise above the side gabled roof. A kitchen wing was added to the ground level of the southeast elevation in 1950 and a bedroom wing was added to the ground level of the northwest elevation in 1970. Despite these modern addition, the overall integrity and architectural statement of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century dwelling is intact. Both wings are one-story high and clad in aluminum siding with side gabled roofs. A third interior end stone chimney rises above the kitchen wing. All roofs are clad in asphalt shingles. A three-bay wide half-hipped roof porch ornaments the facade. A two-story, five-bay wide, full-width half-hipped roof porch dominates the northeast elevation.

The house fronts southwest at the end of a long gravel driveway that extends westward from Granite Road and terminates in a paved parking area beside the southeast wing. The setting of the property is rural, with the rolling, grassy landscape bordered by dense vegetation of trees and shrubs. Two historic outbuildings, a circa 1800 slave quarters and late 19<sup>th</sup> century German bank barn, remain on the property. In addition, there are a nonhistoric man-made pond and accompanying pool house (circa 1960) to the southeast of the house.

### EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The façade, or southwest elevation, of the main block is five bays wide. At the ground level, there are three 8/8 windows piercing the three west bays and two 6/6 windows piercing the two south bays. Flanking the central window are two half-story engaged stone piers. The central entry is recessed from the façade and features paneled wood sides and granite lug lintel. Above the 8-paneled double-leaf door is a rectangular fixed transom with tracery of molded wood glazing bars. The first and second story windows of the three west bays are all 12/12. Those of the south two bays are 6/6. All of the window openings on this portion of the building feature wood surrounds, granite sills and lug lintels. The three-bay wide porch features square wood posts, shaped wood brackets and a scroll-sawn balustrade. The porch deck is supported by granite piers.

The southeast elevation of the main block is visible only at the first, second, and attic stories. There are no openings on the first or second stories of the main block. Two 4-light casement windows with wood surrounds, granite sills and lug lintels pierce the attic story.

The northeast elevation of the main block features two panel-and-lighted single-leaf doors and three 6/6 windows at the ground level. A paint line extends across the three north bays at the level of the window sill, suggesting that in the 1830s, when the building was being enlarged, the ground level was excavated roughly



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three feet lower than its original depth. Below one window of the east two bays the wall surface appears to have been filled in with coursed ashlar stone, as evidenced by a mortar seam extending past the sill to the ground. The first story features a central entry with a panel-and-lighted single-leaf door leading to a cantilevered square balcony with a wood scroll-sawn balustrade. The first and second story windows of the two east bays are 6/6. Those of the three north bays are 12/12. All of the window openings on this elevation of the main block feature wood surrounds, granite sills and lug lintels. The granite sills of the ground level windows appear to be replacements. Six square posts support the two-story, full-width porch.

The northwest elevation is pierced only at the attic story by two 4-light casement windows with wood surrounds, granite sills and lug lintels. The first and second stories of the northwest elevation of the main block have no fenestration.

Constructed in 1950, the kitchen wing extends from the southeast elevation of the main block. Only the southwest elevation of this wing is clad in vinyl siding. Two 2/2-vinyl sash windows pierce the wing with vinyl surrounds on the southwest elevation. One 8/12 window and one panel-and-lighted single-leaf door pierce the southeast elevation of the wing. Both of these openings have aluminum surrounds and sills. Two 1/1 vinyl sash windows and one 8/6 vinyl sash window, all with aluminum surrounds, pierce the northeast elevation of the kitchen wing.

Extending from the northwest elevation of the main block is the bedroom wing, which was constructed in 1970. Two 6/6 vinyl sash windows with aluminum surrounds pierce the southwest elevation of this wing. Three-6/6 vinyl sash windows with aluminum surrounds and sills pierce the northeast elevation. The northwest elevation of the wing has no fenestration.

### INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the main block features a central hall, single pile plan that dominates all stories. On the first story of the main block, all of the walls and ceilings are plastered. The floors are finished in wood boards that vary from 3 ½ to 9 ½ inches in width. Only the floor of the first story hall is finished with 2-½" replacement boards. In the center hall, the 6-½ inch tall baseboard is square-edged with a quadrant bead at the base. Turned newel posts that are 3 feet 4 inches high frame the hollow newel stair. The balustrade is comprised of turned wood balusters with a wood handrail. The open stringer is ornamented with a continual wave motif or scrolled brackets. The landing window between the first and second stories is recessed with paneled sides and a molded wood surround.

Leading to the two first floor parlors are two 6-panel doors with molded surrounds and paterae cornerblocks. The baseboard of the northwest parlor is 8-½ inches tall with a beveled cap and a quadrant bead at the base.



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The windows are recessed with flared paneled sides, molded surrounds and paterae cornerblocks. The door casements feature the same surrounds. On the northwest wall of the parlor there is a centrally located Federal-style fireplace with Tuscan columns supporting a molded mantle shelf. A wide beveled panel ornaments the area below the mantle shelf. Built-in recessed bookcases with reeded surrounds and paterae cornerblocks flank the fireplace.

The southeast parlor features a square-edged 7-½ inch tall baseboard with a quadrant bead at the base. The Egyptian-influenced Ionic columns that support the molded mantle shelf distinguish the mantle in this room. Like the windows in the northwest parlor, these windows are recessed, however they are not framed by paneled sides. All window surrounds in this room are square-edged. The doors leading from the parlor to the hall has a square-edged surround, while the door to a built-in closet has a molded surround. The south corner of this room was partitioned circa 1950 for the addition of a bathroom, the door to which has a square-edged surround.

On the ground level, the original kitchen, now used as a dining room, features a molded fireplace surround and a shallow mantle shelf. The original forged iron hearth crane is extant. There is a built-in cupboard to one side of the fireplace. Molded and paneled wainscot surrounds the perimeter of the room. The floor is finished in replacement 2 ¼ to 3 ½ inch boards.

The interior of the attic is fully plastered, and the rafter/plate system is only visible in the south corner. In this circa 1835 portion of the attic, the rafters rest on a false plate. The rafter/plate system in the circa 1800 portion of the attic was not accessible.

The basement and second story bedrooms were not accessible at the time of the survey.

### OUTBUILDINGS

The circa 1800 slave quarters is located to the southeast side of the house. The structure is in a ruinous state. Only the two gable end walls and a portion of the façade (northwest elevation) are intact. The southeast wall has completely deteriorated to a state of rubble. In addition, the roof and all of its framing members have collapsed. However, based on its form, detailing, and close proximity to the main house, the structure's original use is discernable. The two-bay wide, single-pile structure is one-and-a-half stories in height. The building features a random rubble granite foundation and structural system with ashlar granite quoins. Although the roof is no longer intact, its side gabled form is evident based on the construction of the gable end walls. Two interior end chimneys rise along these end walls. One door opening with a paneled door and one window opening with missing sash pierce the northwest elevation. Both openings have wood surrounds and granite lug lintels. The window opening has a granite sill. The east and west elevations are both marked by two window openings with wood surrounds flanking the interior end chimneys. The south wall has collapsed. Due to the condition of the structure, interior wall placement could not be determined, although it appeared to have consisted of two rooms.



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The interior, including the half story, was completely plastered. Both hearths featured large granite lintels and the east hearth retains an historic forged iron crane.

The circa 1880 German bank barn rests on a random rubble stone foundation in a field to the northeast of the house. The wood frame structure is clad in board-and-batten siding. Two cupolas and a center gable peak dominate the side gable roof, which is clad in standing seam metal. The cupolas have pyramidal roofs and louvered vents. Louvered openings pierce the bank barn throughout, including a semi-circular ventilator in the wood shingle-clad center gable. Additionally, there are four 1/1 windows and one double-leaf sliding wood door on the first story of the southwest elevation, all of which have wood surrounds.

To the east of the dwelling lies a man-made pond and a pool house that dates from the 1960s. Rising one-story in height, the pool house is constructed of panel-faced concrete block with a side gable roof of asphalt shingles. An inset porch and sliding glass doors dominate the façade. The single 2/2 window features horizontal sash and a wood surround. The gable ends of the pool house are clad in pressed plywood that resembles board-and-batten siding.



## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1778, 1800 ca., 1835 ca., 1949 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1800 ca.; 1835 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The property known as Mount Welcome Retreat is located at 3144 Granite Road in the town of Granite, an 18<sup>th</sup> century town in the western region of Baltimore County. In 1778, Samuel Wright Walters purchased the property, which was historically part of two parcels known as Norwood's Delight and Peddicoart's Banter. Alexander Walters, owner of the Waltersville Quarry for which the town of Granite was originally named, built the first three bays of the present stone dwelling circa 1800. In 1835, the property was conveyed to Maria Worthington Walters and Lemuel Offutt, her husband. The property remained in the Offutt family for 114 years, before being sold to the Bergers in 1949. Mount Welcome Retreat is fashionably detailed in the Federal style, and stands as an excellent example of a rural farmhouse, complete with circa 1800 slave quarters and late 19<sup>th</sup> century German bank barn.

### HISTORY

Although the exact date of construction for the dwelling has not been determined, deeds and stylistic embellishments support a circa 1800 date. Deed research indicates that Samuel Wright Walters purchased the property from Nicholas Peddicoart on February 14, 1778 for 1,539 pounds. The tract of land was part of two parcels known as Norwood's Delight and Peddicoart's Banter. The property is located in Granite, Maryland which lies in the Second District of Baltimore County, near the western border adjoining Howard and Carroll Counties. Granite, originally known as Waltersville, is located along Old Court Road, just north of the Patapsco Falls. The Second District is historically known for fertile soils for farming, chrome mines, and granite quarries. The quarries that abound throughout the southern portion of the district gave the town its name. Samuel Walters appears to have settled in the town in the middle of the 18th century.<sup>1</sup>

Deeds indicate that Samuel Wright Walters was a farmer who was married with four children. Alexander Walters inherited the property from his father Samuel in 1787. Based on deeds, it appears as though Alexander Walters, owner of the Waltersville Quarry for which the town was originally named, built the first three bays of the present stone dwelling.

<sup>1</sup> "Granite National Historic District," located on the Internet at [www.bcp1.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html](http://www.bcp1.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html) on October 11, 2000.



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The property, and shares of the profits from the Waltersville Quarry, was devised to Maria Worthington Walters and her husband, Lemuel Offutt on September 24, 1835. Architectural evidence suggests that Offutt added the two south bays after this transfer of title. Ownership is confirmed by the 1850 *Map of the City and County of Baltimore Maryland* by J.C. Sidney that indicates Lemuel Offutt owned a dwelling just to the north of Granite.<sup>2</sup> The small town supported at least four quarries, including the Woodstock Granite Company, the Fox Rock Quarry, the W. F. Weller quarry, and the Guilford and Waltersville Company.<sup>3</sup> Aside from the quarries, Granite was also home to the Granite Cutter's National Union, the Paving Cutter's Union, and the Knights of Labor. In the 1830s, the location of the granite quarries led to the establishment of a two-mile long spur of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which led directly into the town, enabling the companies to ship large slabs of stone easily. The stone quarried from the town of Granite was finer grained than those found in Ellicott City, Woodstock, and Elysville, with a slat-and-pepper mixed pattern containing feldspar and quartz.<sup>4</sup> In addition to being used for the local building stock, these quarries provided stone for the Library of Congress, the old Treasury Building, the inner walls of the Washington Monument, the Baltimore City Courthouse and Post Office, and the old Baltimore County Courthouse.<sup>5</sup>

In 1868, following the death of Lemuel Offutt, the 200-acre property was deeded to James W. Offutt, his son. James W. Offutt served as the Judge of the Orphans Court Baltimore County and was listed in the 1877 *Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County* as a farmer who settled in Baltimore County in 1840.<sup>6</sup> In 1881, the town of Granite was home to approximately 200 people.<sup>7</sup> Owing the growth largely to the granite quarries that provided work for immigrants from Ireland, Germany, Scotland, and Italy, the town had grown to a population of five hundred by the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In fact, the quarries had brought so much work to the town that the Ellicott City *Progress* noted that Granite "transacts more business and handles more money than any place of its size in Maryland."<sup>8</sup>

The property, including the main dwelling and outbuildings, was deeded numerous times to members of the Offutt family. In 1949, James Frederick and Margaret D. Offutt sold the property out of the Offutt family after 114 years of ownership. During the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the property was sold to a series of owners, including the Berger, Park, and Price families. It was during this period that two one-story wood frame wings

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<sup>2</sup> The town was not named on this map, leaving it unknown as to when the town of Waltersville became known as Granite.

<sup>3</sup> Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County*, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 209.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas J. Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 24..

<sup>5</sup> "Granite National Historic District," located on the Internet at [www.bcpl.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html](http://www.bcpl.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html) on October 11, 2000.

<sup>6</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*, (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), pp. 44-46.

<sup>7</sup> Scharf, p. 830.

<sup>8</sup> Brooks, p. 209.



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were added to the 19<sup>th</sup> century stone dwelling. Consisting of just over eight acres, Mount Welcome Retreat was purchased by present owners and occupant John R. Price in 1989.

Constructed of indigenous granite, Mount Welcome Retreat was designed in the Federal style of architecture that was popular from the 1780s until the 1820s. The Federal style of architecture followed the Colonial era, and signified the new role that the country had taken following the Revolutionary War. Although influenced by British architecture, particularly the Adamesque style, the Federal style of architecture was the signature style of the wealthy American mercantile class. "Chaste, conservative, and gracefully elegant, the style first appeared primarily in important coastal cities, but eventually was adapted everywhere in simpler, vernacular forms."<sup>9</sup> Reflective of these vernacular interpretations, particularly as seen in masonry examples, are the side gable roof, the centered entry capped by a transom with tracery, and the symmetrically placed window openings with flat lintels and double-hung sash windows.

### CHAIN OF TITLE

- February 14, 1778: Nicholas Peddicoart to Samuel Wright Walters  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber W.G. #B Folio 59
- 1787: Samuel Wright Walters to Alexander Walters  
Will Records of Baltimore County
- September 24, 1835: Alexander Walters to Lemuel Offutt and Mary Worthington Offutt  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber T.K. 255 Folio 215
- March 5, 1868: Mary Offutt to James W. Offutt  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 57 Folio 428
- May 31, 1893: James W. Offutt to E. Frances Offutt, Lemuel D. and Ella R. Offutt, Delia Hewitt Wade and William Wallace Wade, James Frederick Offutt, and Dorsey Worthington Offutt  
Will Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 10 Folio 227
- October 3, 1901: Lemuel D. Offutt to E. Frances Offutt, with remainder to J. F. Offutt  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 255 Folio 567
- March 23, 1912: Dorsey W. Offutt and Edna L. Offutt to J. Frederick Offutt  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 394 Folio 66

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<sup>9</sup> Rachel Carly, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*, (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994), p. 91.



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December 6, 1949: James Frederick Offutt and Margaret D. Offutt to Robert and Rose Berger  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber T.B. 1803 Folio 240

June 7, 1957: Robert Berger and Rose Berger to Lloyd E. Mitchell, Inc.  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber G.L.B. 3171 Folio 517

August 22, 1958: Lloyd E. Mitchell, Inc. to H. Emslie Parks and Arlene G. Parks  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber G.L.B. 3406 Folio 464

October 10, 1989: H. Emslie Parks and Arlene G. Parks to John R. Price and Marion H. Price  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 8311 Folio 156

August 6, 1999: John R. Price to John R. Price Revocable Trust  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 13965 Folio 336



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 8.30 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting 200 Acres  
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property, known as Mount Welcome Retreat, is located at 3144 Granite Road in Granitee, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 76, Parcel 86 and in the Deeds of Record Liber 13965 Folio 336, archived in Towson, Maryland. The building has been associated with the site since its construction circa 1800.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	L. V. Trieschmann, A. L. McDonald, and R. J. Weidlich, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Inc.	date	16 October 2000
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

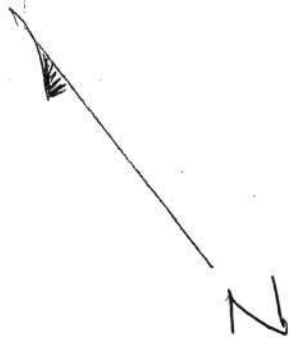
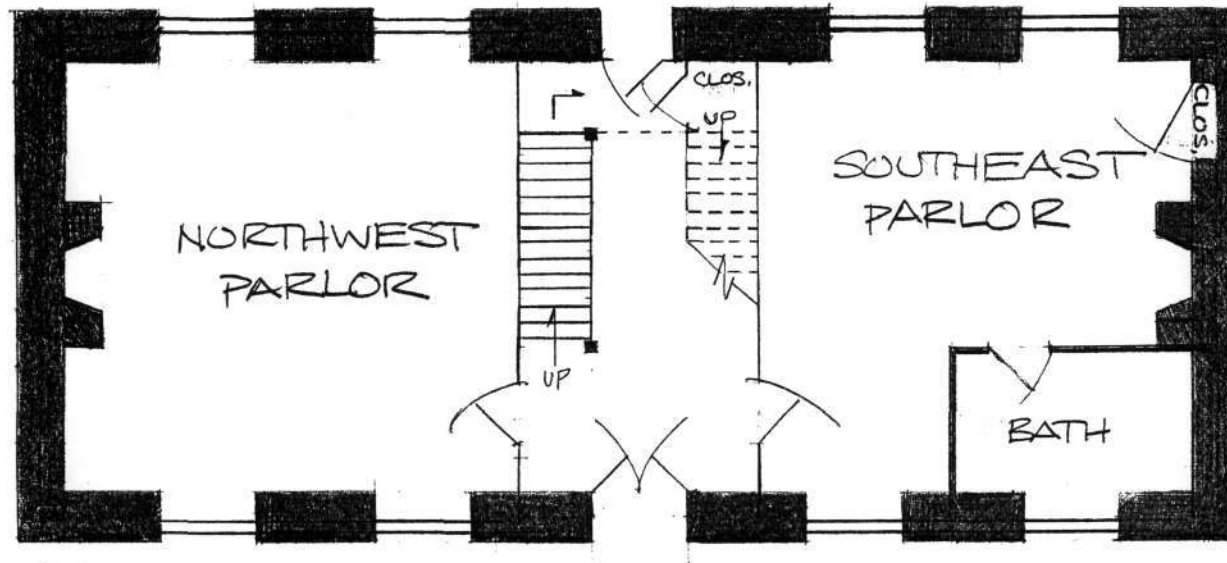


—RESOURCE SKETCH MAP—

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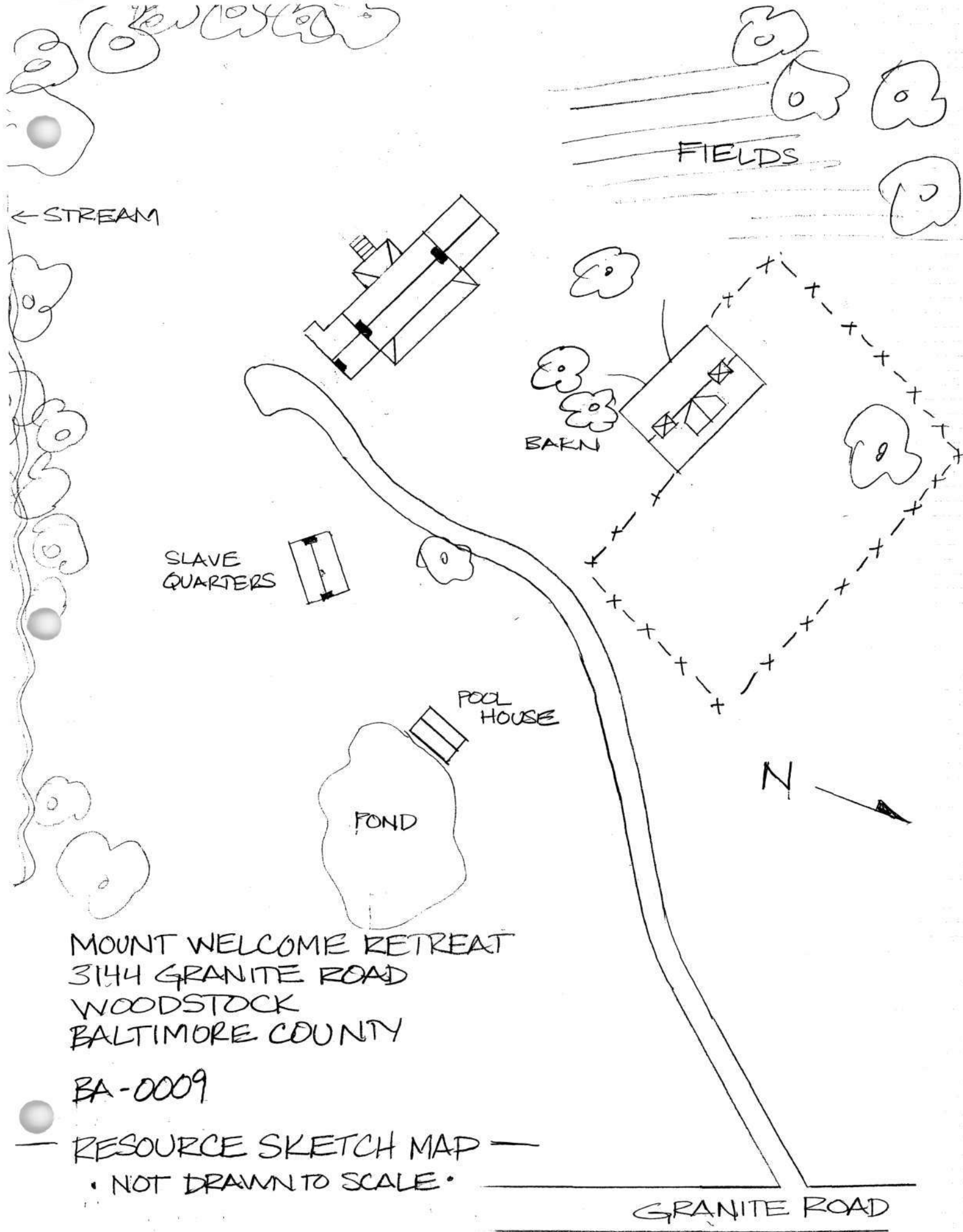
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN





← STREAM

FIELDS

BARN

SLAVE  
QUARTERS

POOL  
HOUSE

POND

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— RESOURCE SKETCH MAP —

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GRANITE ROAD



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(FINKSBURG)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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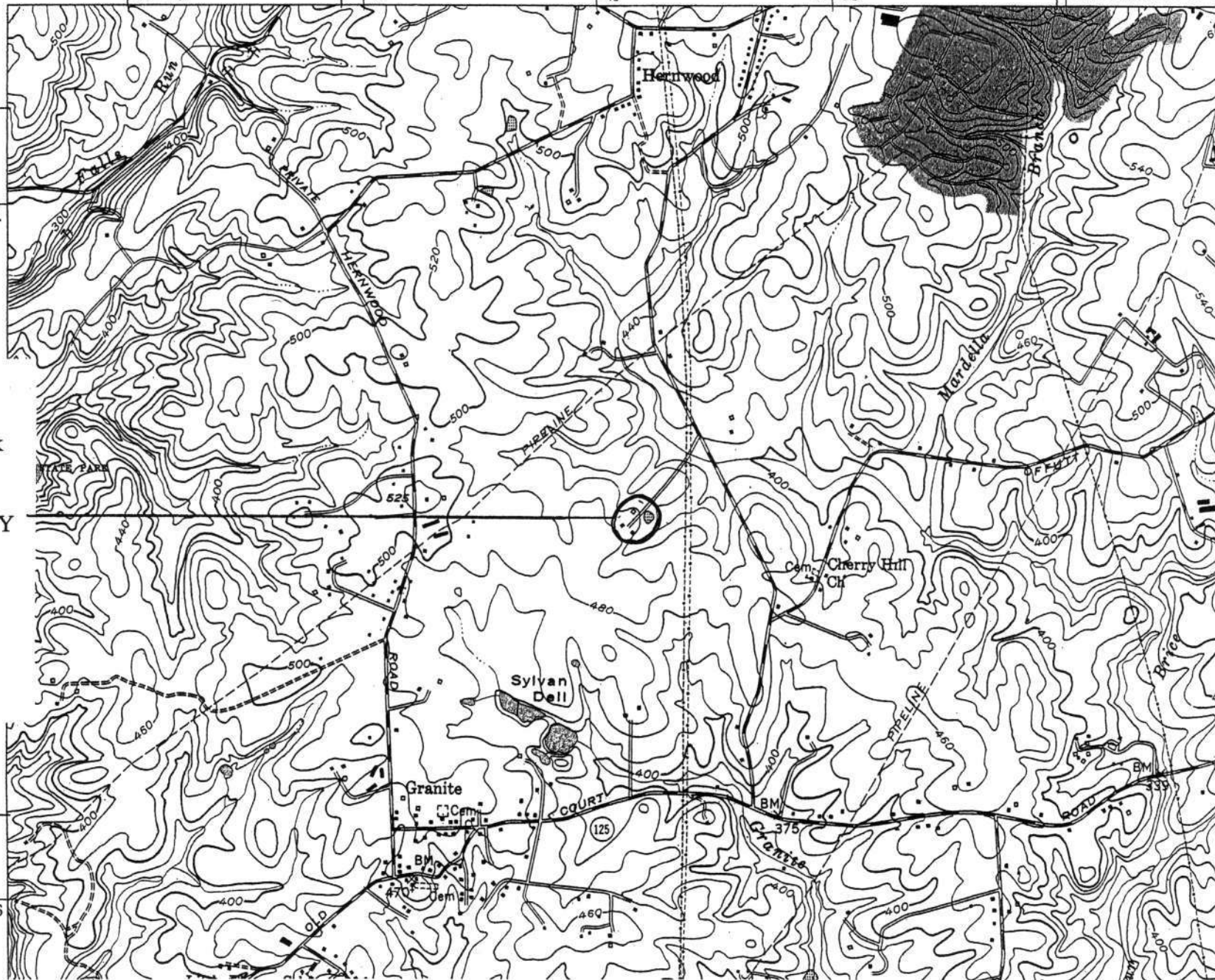
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HARRISONVILLE 1.1

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Mount Welcome Retreat  
3144 Granite Road, Woodstock  
Baltimore County

USGS Quad: ELLICOTT CITY  
1:24,000









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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT

3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION,  
CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

1/14







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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT  
3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, EAST CORNER, CAMERA  
FACING WEST (SHOWING SOUTHEAST  
AND NORTHEAST ELEVATIONS)

2/14







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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT  
3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES  
10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, NORTHEAST ELEVATION,  
CAMERA FACING, SOUTHWEST

3/14







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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT  
3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, NORTH CORNER, CAMERA  
FACING SOUTH

4/14







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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT

3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, FIRST FLOOR HALL, CAMERA  
FACING WEST

5/14







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3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, FIRST FLOOR HALL, CAMERA  
FACING NORTHWEST (LOOKING UP)

6/14







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3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, FIRST FLOOR, NORTHWEST  
PARLOR, CAMERA FACING NORTH

7/14







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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT

3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, FIRST FLOOR, SOUTHEAST  
PARLOR, CAMERA FACING EAST

8/14







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3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, GROUND FLOOR, NORTHWEST  
ROOM, CAMERA FACING WEST

9/14







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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT  
3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES  
10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, GROUND FLOOR, SOUTHEAST  
ROOM (HISTORIC KITCHEN), CAMERA  
FACING SOUTH

10/14







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MOUNT WELCOME RETREAT  
3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, ATTIC, SOUTH CORNER  
(SHOWING FALSE PLATE), CAMERA  
FACING SOUTH

11/  
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3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

SLAVE QUARTERS, CAMERA FACING  
NORTHWEST

12/  
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3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPD

BANK BARN, SOUTH CORNER, CAMERA  
FACING NORTH (SHOWING SOUTHWEST  
AND SOUTHEAST ELEVATIONS)

13/14







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3144 GRANITE ROAD, WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

10/2000

MD SHPO

BANK BARN, EAST CORNER, CAMERA  
FACING WEST (SHOWING SOUTHEAST  
AND NORTHEAST ELEVATIONS)

14/14



BA-9  
Retreat (Mount Welcome)  
3144 Granite Road  
(west side, 0.6 mile north of Offutt Road)  
Granite

early 1800s

Set well back from the highway, this three-story-plus-attic Vernacular-style stone house was built of locally quarried granite. Built on a symmetrical plan, the house has a gable roof, and long verandahs on the lower level and first floor level. Outbuildings include a stone slave quarters and a large frame board-and-batten stable with a cupola, as well as other dependencies.

The house was located formerly on 200 acres adjoining the Blunt farm. It was built, or added to, by Lemuel Offutt, who married Maria Worthington Walters. It was held in the same family until 1950. This house should be called "Retreat" rather than "Mount Welcome," as some earlier HABS lists showed it. The owner of the farm cluster in 1978 was listed as H.E. Parks.



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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b> TOWN VICINITY <b>Dist. II</b> STREET NO. <b>Granite Road #3144</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-9</b>	
		2. NAME <b>Mt. Welcome</b> <i>Retreat</i> DATE OR PERIOD <b>early 1800's</b> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION			
OPEN TO PUBLIC			
<p>Built of local granite stone, quarried nearby. Three stories, symmetrical plan, long verandas on lower level, and first floor level. Stone slave quarters and other dependencies.</p> <p>200 acres, adjoining Blunt Farm. Built, or added to, by Lemuel Offutt who married Maria Worthington Walters. In same family until 1950.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE			
Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
7. PHOTOGRAPH			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER (First HABS Report) HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  DATE OF RECORD <b>July 29, 1965</b>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE